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ABSTRACT

Academic performance of Los Angeles City College (LACC) transfers to California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) in 1976-77 was assessed by examining first quarter grade reports of all 667 students. Of these, 552 or 83% completed some work, with 50% entering in fall, 17% in winter, 19% in spring, and 13% in summer. The grade point average (GPA) for all 552 was 2.49 on a 4.0 scale, 0.11 points below the junior college average of 2.60. A 3.0 average or better was earned by 37%, while 19% fell below 2.0. A major in the School of Letters and Science was selected by 29%, with 25% choosing Business and Economics, 27% Fine Arts, 3% Engineering, and 15% undecided. Fine arts majors earned the highest GPA at 2.64, with business majors achieving the lowest at 2.32. Of 1,443 grades earned, 53% were A or B, and 14% D or F. Highest averages (3.0+) were achieved in physical education, music, recreation, Chicano studies, Spanish, and art. Since 1957, GPA's for new LACC transfers to CSULA have ranged from 2.36 to 2.60, with a differential between CSULA and LACC grades of -0.13 to +0.21. While grades have remained fairly constant, the number of transfer students has declined over the last five years. (Author/RT)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To assess academic performance of recent Los Angeles City College transfers to California State University at Los Angeles, and to compare with past performance.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Grade reports for transfers from L.A.C.C. are received periodically from the Office of School Relations of California State University at Los Angeles. Each grade report indicates, in addition to courses taken and grades earned, the class and major of the student. The report also indicates "transfer totals," i.e., units carried and grade points attempted at colleges prior to entering the University. For the purposes of this study, these figures are assumed to represent L.A.C.C. performance. A previous study indicated that this procedure would be reasonably reliable. The findings indicated in the next section of this study are based on information obtained from the State University grade reports for the academic year 1976-77.

FINDINGS

Table 1 indicates the number of grade reports received for each of the three-quarters of the 1976-77 year, plus the summer quarter of 1977.

TABLE 1 - Number of CSULA Grade Reports Received by L.A.C.C.

Quarter	1st Semester Transfers			Total entrants
	Some work completed	Withdrawals		
		No penalty	With penalty	
F 1976	278	47	6	331
W 1977	95	18	9	122
S 1977	105	9	12	126
Sum. 1977	74	10	4	88
TOTALS	552	84	31	667

667 students entered CSULA as transfers from L.A.C.C. during the four quarters indicated. 50% of these entered in September, 17% in January, 19% in April, 13% in the Summer. Of the 667, 115 (17%) failed to complete any work at CSULA during their first quarter. 73% of these withdrawals were without penalty.

Table 2 summarizes the first quarter academic performance of the 552 students completing some work during their first quarter.

Table 3 analyzes performance according to School or Division of major. Table 4 indicates distribution of grades earned (in student's first quarter) in each department at CSULA by the 552 transfers. Table 5 shows, in order of grade point average, the grade point averages earned in departments enrolling 15 or more students. Table 6 and Figure 1 present available data for previous semesters.

TABLE 2 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers in Their First Quarter at CSULA, 1976-1977

Quarter	No.	Grade Point Average CSULA	LACC	Diff.	* Average Uts. Attempted CSULA	LACC	Below C Av. CSULA No.	%	B Av. or Above CSULA No.	%
Fall 1976	278	2.49	2.59	-.10	9.7	91.2	54	19.4	103	37.1
Winter 1977	95	2.32	2.49	-.17	9.1	83.4	21	22.1	28	29.5
Spring 1977	105	2.68	2.65	+.03	9.2	89.8	13	12.4	45	42.9
Summer 1977	74	2.44	2.75	-.31	9.4	90.5	18	24.3	27	36.5
TOTAL	552	2.49	2.60	-.11	9.4	89.5	106	19.2	203	36.8

TABLE 3 - Academic Performance of L.A.C.C. Transfers in Their First Quarter at CSULA, 1976-1977 According to School of Major

Major	No.	Grade Point Average CSULA	LACC	Diff.	Average Uts. Attempted CSULA	LACC	Below C Av. CSULA No.	%	B Av. or Above CSULA No.	%
Letters & Science (29%)	162	2.48	2.60	-.12	10.1	92.4	29	17.9	55	34.0
Fine Arts (27%)	149	2.64	2.62	+.02	9.2	95.9	18	12.1	61	40.9
Business (25%)	140	2.32	2.61	-.29	9.2	87.1	40	28.6	49	35.0
Engineering (3%)	15	2.63	2.70	-.07	11.8	94.4	4	26.7	8	53.3
Undecided (15%)	85	2.50	2.55	-.05	8.7	75.9	15	17.6	30	35.3
TOTAL	552	2.49	2.60	-.11	9.4	89.5	106	19.2	203	36.8

* quarter

TABLE 4 - Grades Earned by L.A.C.C. Transfers in Their First Quarter at CSULA, 1976-77

DEPARTMENT	A	B	C	D	F	W	INC.	RAD.	CR.	N/C	TOTAL M	TOTAL W	GPA
American Studies		1	2		1						1	3	1.75
Anthropology	5	14	19	2	2			1			18	25	2.43
Art	12	22	8	1	1	2	3				18	31	2.93
Asian Studies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	----
Astronomy	4	1	3	1							5	4	2.89
Biology	9	8	28	5	2	1	1				29	25	2.33
Broadcasting	3	4	1								4	4	3.25
Business	20	65	83	28	26	9	4	1			153	83	2.11
Chemistry	1	5	6		1	1		2			9	7	2.38
Chicano Studies	2	4	1				2	1	5	1	8	8	3.14
Criminal Justice	7	15	20	7	8	2	1				40	20	2.11
Drama	4	4	3	3	1	1					13	3	2.47
Economics	2	6	10	4	6	2	1	2			16	17	1.79
Education	1	1	1			1			1	1	2	4	3.00
Engineering	9	8	7	1	2		2				23	6	2.78
English	2	18	24	1	3				1	4	18	35	2.31
French	1	1	2	1							2	3	2.40
Geography	3	17	16	3	1		1				20	21	2.45
Geology	1	8	7	2							11	7	2.44
German	2	1	1								3	1	3.25
Health & Safety	8	6	9	2	1		2	1			12	17	2.69
History	9	17	19	7	5	1	3				39	22	2.30
Home Economics	11	11	9	4			1				3	33	2.83
Ind Science	11	6	4			1					20	2	3.33
Japanese	4	1	1			1					5	2	3.50
Journalism	1	1	7		1						5	5	2.10
LAS	1										0	1	4.00
LBS		2	2	1							0	5	2.20
Mathematics	17	14	23	7	6	4	3				42	32	2.43
Microbiology	1	3	2	3	1						6	4	2.00
Music	55	29	10	2	3	3	5				72	35	3.32

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TABLE 4 (continued)

DEPARTMENT	A	B	C	D	F	W	INC	RAD	CR.	N/C	TOTAL M	TOTAL W	GPA
Nursing	3	7	9				1	1			2	19	2.68
PAS	7	14	6	2			2	3	8		18	24	2.90
Philosophy	16	12	20	6	2		3				34	25	2.61
Phys. Ed. (Men)	30	10	4		2	1			8	1	56	---	3.43
Phys. Ed. (Women)	16	16	10		2	1			11		--	56	3.00
Physics	4	5	3			1					9	4	3.08
Political Science	3	9	23	5	4	1	11				35	21	2.05
Psychology	12	20	26	8	2	1	7	2			34	44	2.47
Recreation	5	10	1								14	2	3.25
Sociology	15	22	36	10	1	1	4				36	53	2.48
Spanish	4	3	4			2	2				7	8	3.00
Speech	4	12	8	5	2	1	2				14	20	2.35
SPTH						1					1	0	----
TOTAL	325	433	478	121	86	39	61	14	34	7	857	741	2.55

TABLE 5 - Departmental Grade Point Averages Earned at CSULA by LACC Transfers in Their First Quarter, 1976-1977

DEPARTMENT	No.*	G.P.A.
Phys. Ed. (Men)	56	3.43
Music	107	3.32
Recreation	16	3.25
Chicano Studies	16	3.14
Phys. Ed. (Women)	56	3.00
Spanish	15	3.00
Art	49	2.93
PAS	42	2.90
Home Economics	36	2.83
Engineering	29	2.78
Health & Safety	29	2.69
Nursing	21	2.68
Philosophy	59	2.61
Sociology	89	2.48
Drama	16	2.47
Psychology	78	2.47
Geography	41	2.45
Geology	18	2.44
Anthropology	43	2.43
Mathematics	74	2.43
Chemistry	16	2.38
Speech	34	2.35
Biology	54	2.33
English	53	2.31
History	61	2.30
Business	236	2.11
Criminal Justice	60	2.11
Political Science	36	2.05
Economics	33	1.79

* 15 or more

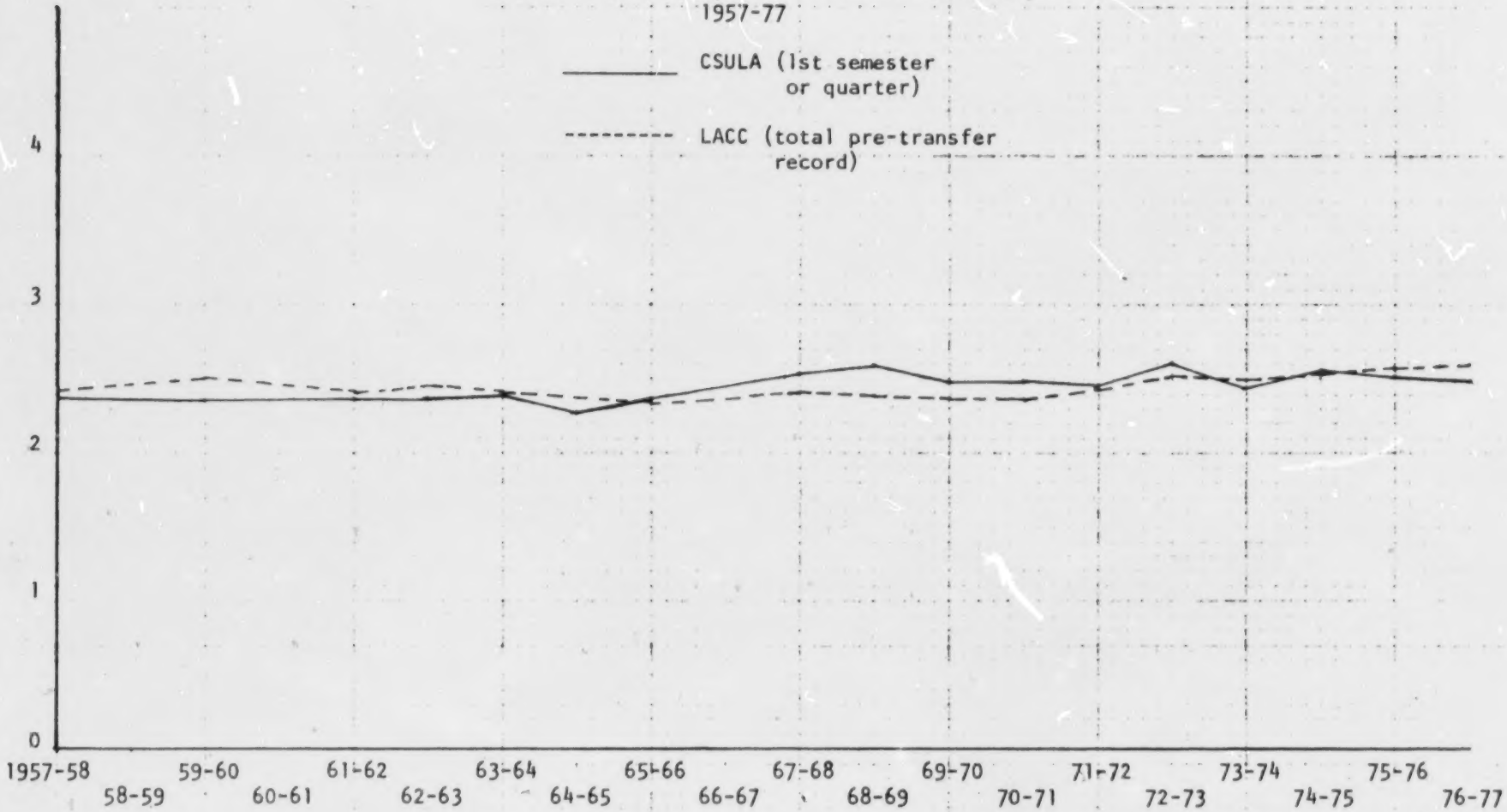
TABLE 6 - Academic Performance of LACC Transfers to CSULA, 1957 - 1977

YEAR	Semester or* Quarter	No.	% Below C Aver.	% B Aver. or Above	CSULA G.P.A.	LACC G.P.A.	Diff.
1976 - 1977	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	552	19%	37%	2.49	2.60	-.11
1975 - 1976	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	597	20%	36%	2.51	2.57	-0.06
1974 - 1975	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	639	16%	39%	2.55	2.53	+0.02
1973 - 1974	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	719	19%	33%	2.44	2.49	-0.05
1972 - 1973	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	729	14%	40%	2.60	2.52	+0.08
1971 - 1972	Summer, Fall, Winter**	755	19%	35%	2.46	2.43	+0.03
1970 - 1971	Fall, Winter, Spring	789	17%	37%	2.48	2.37	+0.11
1969 - 1970	Fall, Winter, Spring	834	18%	36%	2.48	2.37	+0.11
1968 - 1969	Fall, Winter, Spring Summer	779	14%	36%	2.59	2.38	+0.21
1967 - 1968	Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer	759	16%	35%	2.52	2.40	+0.12
1966 - 1967	----------	---	---	---	----	----	-----
1965 - 1966	Fall, Spring	531	22%	27%	2.37	2.35	+0.02
1964 - 1965	Fall (estimate)	380	27%	21%	2.28	----	-----
1963 - 1964	Fall	418	21%	23%	2.39	2.41	-0.02
1962 - 1963	Fall	408	22%	21%	2.36	2.44	-0.08
1961 - 1962	Fall	400	19%	24%	2.37	2.41	-0.04
1960 - 1961	----------	---	---	---	----	----	-----
1959 - 1960	Fall (sample)	---	23%	---	2.37	2.50	-0.13
1958 - 1959	----------	---	---	---	----	----	-----
1957 - 1958	Fall (sample)	---	23%	---	2.38	2.42	-0.04

* Semester prior to Fall, 1967 quarter Fall, 1967 and later. Blanks indicate data not available.

** Some discrepancies in data

FIGURE 1 - Grade Point Averages Earned by LACC Transfers to CSULA, 1957-77



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study summarizes performance of L.A.C.C. transfers to CSULA during the 1976-77 year. Findings were based on first quarter grade reports for 667 students entering in Fall, 1976, Winter, 1977, Spring 1977, and Summer 1977.

552 (83%) of the 667 entrants completed some work. Of the 552, 50% entered in the Fall quarter, 17% in Winter, 19% in Spring, and 13% in Summer.

First quarter grade point average earned by the 552 entrants was 2.49, 0.11 grade points below their junior college average of 2.60. 37% of the students earned a "B" average or better at CSULA, while 19% fell below a "C" average.

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A total of 1,443 grades were earned by the 552 transfers in 42 different departments. 53% of these grades were A's or B's, 14% D's or F's. Highest averages (3.0 or higher) were earned in courses in P.E., Music, Recreation, Chicano Studies, Spanish, Art, and PAS. The only department averaging below 2.0 was Economics.

Over the 20 year period since 1957, the GPA earned by new LACC transfers to CSULA has ranged from 2.36 to 2.60, with the differential between CSULA and LACC GPA's ranging from -0.13 to +0.21. LACC transfers to CSULA continue to experience little, if any, "transfer shock." Number of transfers however, has declined, with total transfers for the past five years (in order) showing 729, 719, 639, 597, 552.

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